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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING CHANGES IN HEART  
FAILURE STATUS

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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This responds to the Office Action dated June 18, 2004. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action.